Engineering Interpretations

Building Site Development

Soil properties influence development of building sites, including the selection of the site, the design of the structure, construction, post construction performance, and maintenance. Soil limitation ratings of slight, moderate, and severe are given for shallow excavations, dwellings with and without basements, small commercial buildings, local roads and streets, and lawns, landscaping, and golf fairways.

Shallow Excavations

Shallow excavations are trenches or holes dug in the soil to a maximum depth of 5 or 6 feet. They are used for pipelines, sewer lines, telephone and power transmission lines, basements, open ditches, and cemeteries. The ratings are based on the soil properties that influence ease of digging and resistance to sloughing.

Dwellings With or Without Basements

These are single-family houses of three stories or less. The foundation is assumed to be spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper, for houses without basements, or at a depth of 7 feet if a basement is constructed. The ratings are based on properties affecting soil strength and settlement under a load, and those that affect excavation and construction costs.

Small Commercial Buildings

Limitation ratings are given for the undisturbed soil on which small commercial buildings of less than three stories without basements are built. The foundation is assumed to be placed on spread footings of reinforced concrete at a depth of 2 feet or the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper.

Local Roads and Streets

Limitation ratings are given for the use of soils for construction of improved local roads and streets that have all-weather surfacing, commonly of asphalt, gravel with binder in it, or concrete, and that are expected to carry automobile traffic all year. These roads and streets are graded to shed water, and conventional drainage measures are provided. With the probable exception of the hard surface, roads and streets are built mainly from the soil at hand.

Lawns, Landscaping, and Golf Fairways

The soils are rated for their use in establishing and maintaining turf for lawns and golf fairways and ornamental trees and shrubs for residential type landscaping. The ratings are based on the use of soil material at the location with some land smoothing. Irrigation may or may not be needed and is not a criterion in rating. Traps, trees, roughs, and greens are not considered as part of the golf fairway. The properties considered are those listed that affect plant growth and trafficability after vegetation is established.

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Map symbol and soil name	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basements S		 Small commercial buil 	dings	Local roads and str	 Lawns and landscaping 		
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value
1B: Marshall	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)		 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	Not limited	
1C2: Marshall	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	1	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.83 0.45	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited)	 0.60
1D2: Marshall	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.76 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	(limited)	 0.63 0.45	Limited ~slope (limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	0.63
2C: Knox	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Slightly limited ~shrink-swell (slightly limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.15 0.15	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.83 0.45	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	Not limited	
2D2: Knox	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.76 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	 0.76 0.19	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	(limited)	0.63	Limited ~slope (limited)	0.63

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Map symbol and soil name	Dwellings without bas	ements	Dwellings with basem	ents	Small commercial buil	dings	Local roads and str	eets	Lawns and landscaping	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
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2E2: Knox	Very limited -slope (very limited) -shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	İ	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) 	1.00
2F2: Knox	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.36	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited)	11.00
6C2: Arispe	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.29 0.15	 Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	j	 Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited)	1.00	 Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited	0.60
7B: Sharpsburg	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	0.45	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Not limited	
7C: Sharpsburg	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)		 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.83 0.45	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Not limited 	

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Map symbol and soil name	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basem	Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings		Local roads and streets		ing
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value -
8B: Macksburg	 Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.29	 		 Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.15	 Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited)	 1.00	 Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited)	
9C2: Higginsville	Moderately limited -wetness (moderately limited) -shrink-swell (moderately limited) -slope (slightly limited)	0.45	(Timited) 	0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.83	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.45	 Slightly limited ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.13
9D2: Higginsville	Limited ~slope (limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.51 0.45	 Very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.76 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.45 0.13	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.63	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.63
16B: Ladoga	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Not limited 	

Building Site Development

Map symbol and soil name	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings		Local roads and streets		Lawns and landscaping	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
16C2: Ladoga	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)		Limited -slope (limited) -shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.83 0.45	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Not limited 	
23: Bremer	Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.99	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.60	(very limited)	 1.00 0.90 0.60	 Limited ~wetness (limited) 	 0.60
26E: Rosendale	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.45 0.01	 very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 0.93 0.61	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45 	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.60
29F: Brussels	 Very limited ~large stones (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~large stones (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	(very limited) ~slope (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.45	Very limited -large stones >30% (very limited) -slope (very limited) -too clayey (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.60

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Map symbol and soil name	Dwellings without base	ements	Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings		Local roads and streets		Lawns and landscaping	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value
33C:	T.	I I	1	1	1	1	I I	1	I I	1
Armstrong	Very limited -shrink-swell (very limited) -wetness (moderately limited) -slope (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.59 0.15	Very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.15	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.83 0.28	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.28 	Slightly limited ~wetness (slightly limited) 	0.28
33D2:										
Armstrong	<pre> Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~wetness (moderately limited)</pre>	 1.00 0.76 0.59	Very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.76	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.28	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.63 0.28	Limited ~slope (limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.63
36C: Olmitz	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)		 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.68	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Not limited 	
37D: Gara	Limited -slope (limited) -shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.76 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.76	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.63 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) 	0.63

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Map symbol and soil name	Dwellings without bas	ements	Dwellings with basem	Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings		s Local roads and streets		Lawns and landscaping	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	
37E:	1	ı	· I	i I	I	ı	I	I	· I	ı	
Gara	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	Very limited ~slope (very limited)	1.00	
42C2:											
Lamoni	<pre> Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)</pre>	 1.00 0.59 0.15	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.15	(limited)	 1.00 0.83 0.28	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.28 	Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.60	
42D2:											
Lamoni	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~wetness (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.76 0.59	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~slope (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.76	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.28	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.63 0.28	Limited ~slope (limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.63	
44D: Shelby	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.76 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.63 0.45	 Limited ~slope (limited)	0.63	

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Map symbol and soil name	 Dwellings without base	 Dwellings without basements 		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings		Local roads and streets		ing
	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value
53B: Judson	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~slope (moderately limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.45 0.45	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	Not limited	
55A: Colo	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 0.59 0.45	(very limited) -wetness (very limited)	 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.45 0.28	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)		Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.60
56: Zook	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.99	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.60	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	1.00	Limited ~wetness (limited) ~flooding (moderately limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	0.60
58: Wabash	 Very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	(very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	(very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited) ~flooding (moderately limited)	1.00

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
61: Nodaway	~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell	 0.45	(very limited)		 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell	 0.45	1	1.00	 Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60
71: Albaton	~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell	0.01	(very limited)	 1.00	<pre>(moderately limited) Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell</pre>	 1.00	<pre>(moderately limited) </pre>	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness	1.00
72: Haynie	<pre>(very limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) Very limited ~flooding (very limited)</pre>	 	<pre>(very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) Very limited ~flooding (very limited)</pre>	1.00	<pre>(very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited) Very limited ~flooding (very limited)</pre>	0.28	<pre> (limited) ~wetness (slightly limited) </pre>	0.28	(slightly limited) Not limited	
76: Leta	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.59	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	 1.00 	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.28	(very limited) ~flooding (rare) (limited)	 1.00 0.90 0.28	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	1.00
80: Sarpy			 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	 1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	 1.00	 Limited ~flooding (rare) (limited)	 0.90	 Limited ~droughty (limited)	 0.69

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	
99: Pits	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		
AED:	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		
W: Water	 Not rated 		 Not rated		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		